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SRTA Board Sets Uniform Toll Pricing Rules for All Georgia Express Lanes
Action sets minimum toll rate for Northwest Corridor and I-85 Extension Express Lanes

ATLANTA – The State Road and Tollway Authority's (SRTA) Board of Directors today approved uniform toll rate pricing rules that apply to all Georgia Express Lanes. The minimum toll rate will be \$0.10 per mile for all express lanes. Customers can also expect toll rates above the \$0.10 per mile minimum to vary based on travel conditions at each express lane facility rather than a predetermined max rate. During periods of very low demand, per mile toll rates on an express lane facility may be replaced with a fixed toll of \$0.50 per trip, regardless of the length of the trip.

"For the ease of customer use and a consistent customer experience on Georgia Express Lanes, we have established a uniform approach to toll rate pricing," Chris Tomlinson, SRTA Executive Director, said. "The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes join the I-85 Express Lanes and the I-75 South Metro Express Lanes, as well as future tolled express lane projects in improving the commuting experience of Georgia residents and others who drive in our state. We encourage commuters in

the Northwest Corridor Express Lanes to open a Peach Pass account today so they can take advantage of the lanes once they open.'

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes are reversible toll lanes that run along I-75 and I-575 in Cobb and Cherokee counties. The 29.7 miles of dynamically priced lanes are separated from the general purposes lanes by an elevated bridge or concrete barrier and a series of gates, offering the highest level of safety. These lanes will add new highway capacity in addition to the existing general-purpose lanes. The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes will flow toward Atlanta during the morning commute and away from Atlanta during the evening commute. The new Express Lanes are scheduled to open in late summer.

The actual toll charge that a customer traveling on the Georgia Express Lanes will pay will be set using dynamic pricing methodology. Technology allows the tolls to adjust based on demand and traffic conditions in the corridor in order to maintain free-flow travel and reliable trips through the lanes. Toll prices will be clearly displayed on overhead highway signs along the corridor so that motorists will know the price before entering the lanes.

All vehicles are required to have a Peach Pass (or a valid interoperable toll pass from Florida or North Carolina) in order to use the new Northwest Corridor Express Lanes and only registered public transit buses and registered emergency response vehicles can use the lanes toll free. Motorists are encouraged to open their Peach Pass accounts now, and people wishing to open an account or learn more about the lanes can do so at www.peachpass.com.

About the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA)

SRTA is a state-level, independent Authority created to operate tolled transportation facilities within Georgia and act as the transportation financing arm for the state. SRTA manages the collection of tolls on Georgia's Express Lanes System through the use of <u>Peach Pass</u>; administers the Atlanta region's vanpool program; and manages the <u>Xpress</u> regional commuter coach transit service. In 2017, SRTA combined with the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) to jointly provide the services of both state authorities. The GRTA board continues to oversee developments of regional impact, air quality reporting and regional transportation plan approval.